National Citizen Survey on

the Consequences of Demonizing and Defunding the Police

Conducted by the United States Deputy Sheriff's Association

- Question 1: How concerned are you that radical efforts to Demonize and Defund the Police could result in fewer police officers in your area? **19% Extremely concerned** 68% Moderately concerned 13% Not concerned at all **Question 2:** Before receiving this letter were you aware that several small towns had dissolved their police departments? 21% Yes 79% No **Question 3:** When your local officials meet to decide on the next budget what do you think should be done regarding police funding? 3% It should be decreased 87% It should be increased 6% It should remain about the same 4% Undecided **Question 4:** Which of the following do you think are "important" or "extremely important" in terms of keeping good police officers? 7% Good salary 5% Maintaining high morale **9%** Good health and retirement benefits 6% Opportunity for advancement 73% All of the above **Question 5:** Which of the following consequences of the movement to Demonize and Defund the police concern you the most? 77% More violent crime 12% Fewer police on the street 6% The defunding movement causes young people to have a negative view of police and makes them less likely to become police officers **2%** I don't think defending causes any of the above 3% Undecided don't know **Question 6:** Will you send the best tax-deductible gift you can afford today to help USDSA provide high-quality bulletproof vests and other lifesaving equipment and training free of charge to police officers patrolling America's streets? 89% Yes, I am including a donation with my survey and "Thank You" card for a police officer
 - 11% No, I am not including a donation with my survey and "Thank You" card